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1. The Special Election Committee of the Chosŏn Democratic Party met at the party office in the Yŏngnak Building in Seoul on 14 April and selected 18 men as candidates for the National Assembly.¹ Some 10 members of the committee were present, none of whom were Supreme Committeemen. Of the candidates chosen, about 12 will register as members of the CDP while the rest will run as independents. The CDP will give these 18 candidates secret moral support but will not announce an official party ticket.²

2. The following men were chosen at the meeting:

CHANG Wŏn-kil (1728/0337/0679), South Ch'ungch'ŏng.

CHO Sŏng-sik (6392/2052/2784), Seoul.

CH'OE Yak-han (1508/4766/3352), Seoul.

CHŎN Hŭi-pyok (3944/3556/7075), South Kyŏngsang.

CHŎNG Il-hyong (6774/0001/0077), Seoul.

CHU Yo-han (2612/5069/5060), Seoul.

HAN Chŏng-kak (7281/2973/3778), Kyonggi.

HAN Kŭn-cho (7281/2704/4371), Seoul.

KIM Hong-sik (6855/1738/2784), South Ch'ungch'ŏng.

KIM Hun (6855/0534), Kyŏnggi.

KIM Ŭi-kyong (6855/5030/4842), North Kyŏngsang.

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KIM Yŏng-saeng (6855/3057/3932), South Ch'ungch'ŏng.

KO Pyŏng-ŏk (7559/4426/0310), Seoul.

SŎK I-kyŏng (4258/1462/1987), South Ch'ungch'ŏng.

WANG Ch'o-san (3769/6389/1472), Seoul.

YI Chong-hyŏn (2621/1350/6881), Kyŏnggi.

YI Ki-ha (2621/1015/1115), North Ch'ungch'ŏng.

YI Yong-sŏl (2621/1369/9728), Seoul.

3. KIM Pyŏng-hŭp (6855/4426/3174), chief of the CDP's Administration Department, and CH'OE Yung-sŏ (1508/0336/3843), vice-chairman of the Seoul Branch of the CDP, have been trying to get YI Yun-yong, chairman of the CDP, to run for the National Assembly in Kwangju, Kyŏnggi Province, SIN Ik-hui's district.³

1. [] Comment. For earlier information on Chosŏn Democratic Party plans, [].

2. [] Comment. Only two or three of the 18 candidates chosen have a chance to win. The CDP cannot give them financial assistance and most of the candidates lack strength in their electoral districts. The Party is not in complete agreement on the candidates chosen and they will receive only informal recognition within the Party. Another factor involved in the decision against publicity is that the probable final ratio of victors to candidates would damage CDP prestige.

[] Comment. The Pyŏnghwa Sinmun of 15 April reported that the CDP had about two nominees, both from areas other than Seoul.

3. [] Comment. The attempt to get YI to run against SIN is possibly an effort by MUN Pong-che, chief of the Liberal Party, to exploit YI and undermine SIN's voting strength. MUN and CH'OE Yun-sŏ are friends from the same district in Seoul.

[] Comment. The Kukto Sinmun of 18 April reported YI Yun-yong was "said to have been" chosen by the Liberal Party as its nominee for Kwangju.

[] Comment. [] reported YI Yun-yong as head of the "pro-administration" faction of the CDP.

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